Condemned LPG cylinders

499. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NA TURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stock of condemned LPG cylinders with the I.O.C.'s Shakurbasti Depot;

(b) what procedure is being followed for destroying these condemned cylinders;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that from Shakurbasti Depot genuine cylinders are blackmarketed and these are replaced by the plant officials from the condemned lot; and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken to see that the condemned cylinders which are sent to the Shakurbasti Depot are destroyed and whether supervision is proposed to be exercised while destroying the- cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) 453 LPG cylinders as on 1-4-86.

(b) and (d) Before the disposal of rejected/condemned LPG cylinders as scrap, complete particulars in res pect of them are recorded and in tbe presence of an officer of the Cor poration, they are deshaped by flat tening in a hydraulic press.

(c) No, Sir!

Shortage of cooking gas ln Calcutta

500. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of. PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to a news-item published in the English Daily Tele graph, dated the 31st March, 1986 to the effect that Calcutta faces severe cooking gas shortage;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the matter and what jare its findings; and

(c) what is the normal supply <>j gas cylinders per day in Calcutta and whether it is a fact that in the middle of January 1986 on an average only 3,000 cylinders per day v. iri supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation are marketing LPG in Calcutta. HPC consumers faced some backlog ln supplies during the last quarter of 1985 which was cleared by January, 1986. A backlog in supplies to IOC consumers existed durin? February and March, 1986. These backlogs were caused by IR problems, trans-port bottlenecks l-esulting from heavy rains, operational problems etc. Suitable steps for clearing the backlogs were taken by the companies.

(c) In January 1986, as against the normal requirement of 10,000-11,000 cylinders per day, the actual supply by IOC and HPC on an average was around 9,500 cylinders a day.

प्लास्टिक उपभोक्ता एककों को इण्डोथोन और प्रालोप्रोपाइलीन का आवंटन

501. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1984–85 और 1985–86 के वर्षों के दौरान देश के प्लास्टिक की खपत करने वाले एककों को इंडियन पेट्रो-केमिकल्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, बड़ौदा ने इण्डोथोन और प्रोलो-प्रोपाइलीन का आवंटन नहीं किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?